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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.314

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Annual Certification for Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly the Warwick Valley Telephone Company d/b/a WVT Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On June 18, 2015, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"), 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §§ 151 <u>et seq.</u>, and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.314 , Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly Warwick Valley Telephone Company ("Alteva"), filed a verified petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), under Docket No. TO01090575, requesting that the Board

certify to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Administrator for the Universal Service Support ("USS") that Alteva's use of USS funds has been, is, and will continue to be consistent with the purposes for which such funds may be used according to federal law. Accordingly, the Board hereby and by the undersigned certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Alteva in New Jersey was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Consistent with its prior Board petitions regarding the use of USS funds and the applicable Board Orders in that regard, Alteva has filed the following information:

- A- Cost Support Response Form and supporting schedules of Alteva prepared as of May 27, 2015 (schedules for 2015 pro forma and 2016 projected);
- B- Affidavit of Brian Callahan, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer at Alteva, Inc., certifying that USS funds received by Alteva in the preceding calendar years (2014 and 2015), and funds that will be received in 2016, have been and will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required pursuant to section 254(e) of the Act and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.101 <u>et seq.</u>;
- C- A copy of the proof of newspaper publication of notice of this filing;
- D- A WC Docket No. 14-58 2015 FCC Form 481 Carrier Annual Reporting data collection, in support of Alteva's certification as required for 2016 by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and §54.422; and
- E- A copy of WC Docket No.10-90 of the Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (CAF-ICC) data submission to the National Exchange Carrier Association for rate of return carriers seeking CAF-ICC support.

Having reviewed the petition and the information submitted in support thereof, and given that no one has objected to Alteva's continued use of federal USS funds, the Board HEREBY CERTIFIES that USS funds received by Alteva of Warwick in the preceding calendar years (2014 and 2015) have been and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of

facilities and services for which such support is intended, and that Alteva will use the federal USS funds it receives during 2016 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required by section 254(e) of the Act and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.101 et seq.

Because state certification is required on an annual basis, and in order to ensure continued use of Universal Service Support funds in a manner consistent with federal law, the Staff requests Warwick continue to follow Board directives to submit to the Board, no later than July 1st and January 1st of each year, a report, in a manner and format to be determined by Staff, providing auditable information sufficient to determine Warwick's compliance with the FCC's required uses of Universal Service Support funds.

Staff FURTHER requests that the Office of the Attorney General file this Letter of Approval and Certification with both the Office of the Secretary of the FCC and the Administrator of the high-cost universal service support mechanism to serve as compliance with the certification requirements as set forth in 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.314.

Should you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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